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## Pair Sentenced in Santa Clarita Road Death

Two men were sentenced today in connection with the 2012 death of a 19-year-old who was thrown from a vehicle in Santa Clarita, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Colt Sean Doherty, 21, and Thomas Joseph Vensko, 22, both of Canyon Country, entered no contest pleas. Doherty pleaded to one count of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and Vensko pleaded to one count of gross vehicular manslaughter.

Doherty was sentenced to six years in state prison. Vensko was given a suspended four-year prison term and was ordered to serve 180 days in county jail.

On Jan. 10, 2012, Doherty was driving under the influence and at a high rate of speed when his Ford Mustang crashed into a tree, killing Dakota Demott, prosecutors said. Doherty was critically injured.

Prosecutors added Vensko, who had two passengers in his Honda, was driving negligently and at a high rate of speed. He fled the scene but was later arrested.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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### About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.